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Folks - the train is going full speed ahead... couple of key updates for your kitbag...

The Army Sustainment Command was proud to welcome two permanent SESs to our roles recently, Mr. Carl Cartwright, Executive Director for Field Support; and Mr. Tommy Marks, Executive Director for LOGCAP. Additionally, Mr. Michael Hutchison joined the ranks of SES for the ACC-RI. Congratulations to these superb leaders.

We are making great progress as we become the executing agent for AMC's role as the Army's Lead Materiel Integrator (LMI). A key milestone was achieved with the signing of the LMI Army Directive by the Secretary of the Army on 22 March. This Directive formally designates the Commander, US Army Materiel Command as the Army's LMI with the mission to synchronize the distribution and redistribution of Army materiel in accordance with Department of Defense and Army directives and priorities. In order to assume the LMI role by 15 February 2012, the Secretary further directed that AMC develop a detailed LMI transition and implementation plan that demonstrates savings and submit for his approval NLT 30 June 2011. In preparation for our next pilot during the week of 11 April, the team is making great strides in holding ROC drills to finalize business rules, processes, and authorities for the materiel distribution process. Appreciate your support and continued focus for the pilot - it is our means to show the Army that we can execute LMI.

Another major effort we are executing is in support of Operation New Dawn and the follow on support to Department of State post December 2011. Huge undertaking and our planners and the folks at the 402nd AFSB are all over it...doing a great job - AND we all have a part to support them to ensure its success. Please take time to become familiar with the plan and how your area of responsibility fits in. We need everyone to make this successful.

We began our chain teaching this month on the implementation of the repeal of "DON'T ASK, DON'T TELL" (DADT). This DOD wide effort is aimed at providing clear and timely information to Soldiers and Civilians supervising Soldiers regarding the changes that will occur and what those changes will mean. Our focus is to ensure that Soldiers and Civilians understand that the law commonly known as DADT remains in effect until the President, the Secretary of Defense, and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs all certify DOD is ready to make this change. The legislative repeal goes into effect 60 days after this certification is complete. At the end of the day, the Army values will continue to be our foundation and at the core of who we are as Soldiers and Civilians. The values define who we are, what we do, and what we stand for and guide us to treat everyone with dignity and respect.

The Army is undertaking an initiative to review the Army Profession in an era of persistent conflict. This review is aimed at maintaining the career of an Army Soldier and Army Civilian as a "profession" and not simply an "occupation". This campaign is important to each of us as it will help us to refine and better understand our role as professionals supporting our Nation and our Army. I encourage each of you to share your knowledge and ideas in support of this campaign through participating in surveys and focus groups when asked.

ASC personnel have proven themselves critical as we respond to worldwide events, including responding to the earthquake and tsunami in Japan and the refugee situation in Tunisia. Thank you for your continued efforts in support of these emergencies and all you do for the Army everyday!

Airborne!

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